

COMMAND CHANGES IN MAJESTIC THEATRE

The first result of the building inspection system inaugurated by Chief of Police B. F. Grant occurred this morning when the owners and lessees of the Majestic theatre building on East First South street were notified that extensive changes would have to be made in the construction of the theatre and arrangement of exits.

Building Inspector Emil S. Lund made a personal inspection of the premises today, following the receipt of a report from the chief of police, and concurred in the recommendations of the police department.

"The building is in awful shape," said Mr. Lund. "It is a surprise to me that there has been no accident there before now. In the case of any up-plunge the floor vibrates and is not nearly sufficiently strong enough to stand the weight of 400 people, given as the maximum seating capacity of the house. There is a very poor provision for fire exits, and the entire structure is of highly inflammable material, which would burn like tinder should a fire ever start.

"Immediate changes will have to be made or I shall condemn the structure as unsafe."